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SUBJECT: UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI

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- 1. MFA (VILLAVERDE) HAS TOLD US THAT SPAIN WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING POSITION IN THE NAIROBI DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE:
- (A) FINANCING: SPAIN IS IN ACCORD WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT DISCUSSION OF FINANCING IS PREMATURE. FURTHER, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME IT WILL RECOMMEND THAT EXISTING UN INSTITUTIONS (UNED AND UNDP) BE USED FOR ANY NECESSARY FUNDING OR ADMINISTRATION.
- (B) PROGRAM PROPOSALS: THE SOUTH OF SPAIN HAS BEEN DESERTIFIED, AND THE SPANISH ARE WILLING TO GIVE AFRICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS THE BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS. THIS COULD IN PART BE DONE BY SPAIN HOSTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNICAL COURSES AND CONFERENCES.

(C) CONFERENCE TACTICS: SPAIN IS AFRAID THAT THE NAIROBI MEETING MIGHT BE LESS THAN A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF EFFORTS OF SOME COUNTRIES TO POLITICIZE DESERTIFICATION PROBLEMS. SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO WORK FOR A WHOLELY TECHNICAL ORIENTATION.

- 2. JOAQUIN CASTILLO, SPAIN'S AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI AND PERMANENT UNEP REPRESENTATIVE, WILL HEAD THE SPANISH DELEGATION. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY THREE TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS.
- 3. COMMENT: MFA BELIEVES THAT SPANISH POSITIONS ARE "NEARLY IDENTICAL" ON ALL COUNTS WITH THOSE OF THE U.S. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S. DELEGATION CONSIDER COORDINATION WITH SPANIARDS. STABLER

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